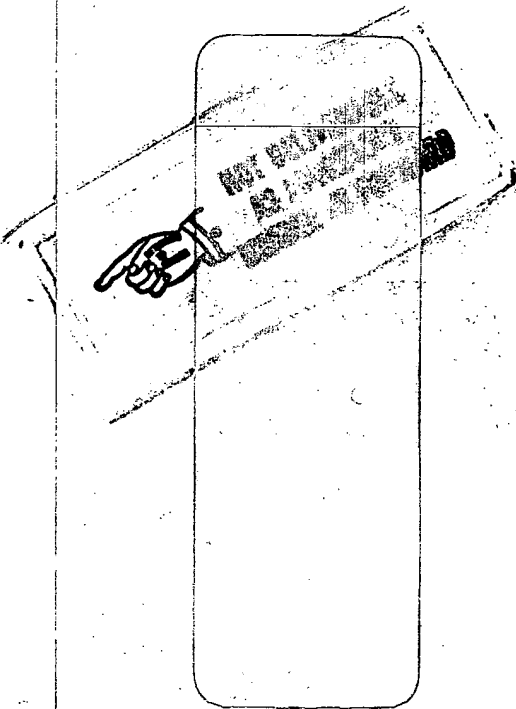


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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the communication filed on December 13, 2001. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted on December 13, 2001 has been initialed and attached to this letter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)** as being anticipated by Marvin Glass (US Patent No: 4,340,810) hereinafter referenced as Glass.

As Per Claim 1:

Glass discloses a list system intended as part of a computerized object follow-up for managing return information concerning the distribution of postal objects or objects sent by parcel post to their recipient in exchange for a proof of distribution, such as the signature, said system being characterized in that it includes:

distribution lists for agents ensuring distribution, said lists being documents formed of a single sheet (1) whose front side comprises, for allocation to an object, an area

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(10) subdivided into compartments, including a counterfoil (11) intended to remain on said sheet and for receiving via printing the information concerning said object in a code form, and a compartment (12) able to be detached, either to remain on the document as proof of distribution or be detached so as to form a non-delivery notice label, [{figure 1, 22, 28, 30, 32, 36, 40}, purchased order, distribution sheet, distribution center, label and manifest] and withdrawal note cards (2) which are personalized by affixing to them, in a frame (20) reserved for this purpose, said non-delivery notice label (12), [{col.2, lines 34-36}, distribution labels are places on merchandise or on plastic labels].

As Per Claim 2:

Glass discloses a list system characterized in that each of said areas (10) comprises an additional compartment (13) for constituting a second detachable notice of receipt label, a notice of receipt card (3) also being provided and personalized by affixing said second label in a frame (30) reserved for this purpose, [{col.2, lines 42-45}, the address label has a manifest stub bearing the carton number and the store number] and [{col.5, lines 55-57}, fig 2, 90}, detachable label]

As Per Claim 3:

Glass discloses a list system according to characterized in that said distribution list (1) comprises a plurality of areas (10) in the form of vertically juxtaposed rectangles, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, distribution sheet].

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As Per Claim 4:

Glass discloses a list system according to characterized in that said sheet (1) constituting the distribution list is an adhesive complex comprising a support back and a detachable self-adhesive film, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, distribution sheet].

As Per Claim 5:

Glass discloses a list system according to characterized in that said sheet (1) has a standard format so as to facilitate its filing, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, distribution sheet].

As Per Claim 6:

Glass discloses a List system according to one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that said sheet (1) comprises on one of its sides perforations (15) enabling it to be classified, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, fig 2, 90}, detachable label].

Conclusion

Any concerns in regard to this communication, the examiner **Jon Bass** can be reached at (571) 272-6905 between the hours of 9-6pm **Monday through Friday**. The fax number for the establishment where the application is being process is (571) 273-8300.

If an attempt to reach the examiner is unsuccessful for any reason, the examiner's immediate supervisor, **John Hayes** can be reached at (571) 272-6708.

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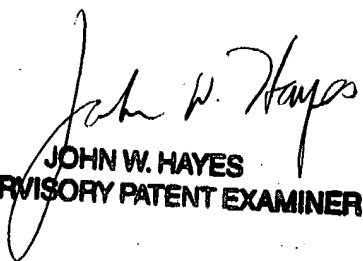
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